

# Broken Arrow Neighbors to break ground on \$1.2 million, 10,000 square-foot facility Jan. 30

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It is a busy week at Broken Arrow Neighbors. Along with catering to the more than 5,000 people the agency serves, Broken Arrow Neighbors is preparing to double its current space to make way for new comprehensive community resource center.

For the past 30 years, Broken Arrow Neighbors has operated from an 80-year-old 3,300 square foot house. About 1,500 square feet have been added on through storage units. Thursday, ground will be broken on a \$1.2 million, 10,000 square foot facility.

The new building will include a medical and dental clinic and a 5,000 square foot food pantry and clothing area to offer basic needs assistance.

“The goal is to allow clients to self shop,” said executive director Kim Goddard. “Right now, they have a choice of which foods they want, but we want to bring more dignity to the process with the ability to use it like a small grocery store.”

The larger storage space will allow Broken Arrow Neighbors to provide families with about five to seven days of food at a time. Currently, Goddard says the agency is only able to supply its clients with about three to four days of food at a time.

“Not only is it a dream come true, but it allows me, volunteers and board members the opportunity to serve residents of Broken Arrow in the most efficient way possible.”

Goddard says construction on the property will begin in February and hopes to open doors to the new facility in the fall of this year.

“Every year, we have our Thanksgiving dinner basket distribution, and I would love to have that in our new facility,” Goddard said.

“It humbles me that in 30 years, Broken Arrow Neighbors will still be an asset to the community and the people it serves,” Goddard said.

**The groundbreaking will be held Thursday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. just north of the current site at 322 W. Broadway.**